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ALL the entries for the spring "meet" of the Senate are about in.

"It is the greatest courage to be able to bear the imputation of a want of courage."—Henry Clay.

"REPUTATION is what men and women think of us; character is what God and the angels know of us."—Thomas Paine.

THE REPUBLICAN some time since claimed that there would be a real estate "boom" in Washington this year. It is coming.

THE work on the Long Bridge was undoubtedly facilitated by a well-grounded fear on the part of the railway company that if they did not act promptly the citizens of the District would. Viewed in this light, its hasty completion is a public calamity.

A Warm Subject.

One of the most important subjects that it falls to the lot of humanity to encounter is as to how the tendency of the elements to deprive him of comfort shall be overcome. In summer he has to struggle with heat; in winter with cold; in spring and fall with an alternating mixture of both conditions, carrying with them a myriad of lesser evils, which assail his senses disagreeably or injuriously, and keep him continuously to the task of fighting for his enjoyment, if not for his health and life.

But, dismissing for the present any general consideration of the broad features of this lamentable lack on the part of humanity, let us get down to the earnest consideration of a brief season with that heating problem known as the furnace. Would that we could "shake it," not literally and absolutely, but as a figure of speech well understood. The furnace, or "latrobe," as we have it, seems to be devised as a coadjutor to the enmity of nature to man.

It is a curious fact that it should be the product of fifty centuries, more or less, of man's efforts to keep comfortably warm. For it seems to fail so absolutely in its task that it may rather be called an engine of destruction than an ally of convenience. But we are not going to argue about it. We say it outright: the furnace is an evil disposed enemy to our happiness. It has apparent advantages to the persons fortunate enough to enjoy the modern conveniences of the second floor front, but to those who minister to its wants in the parlor or basement it is a glaring and gassy fard, while to those who cherish its cold remainder on the upper floor it is the vain and elusive shadow of "things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen."

But after all the possessors of the "second floor" are the greatest sufferers from it. Here is where its malevolence shows its greatest cunning; here it pretends to be the warmest friend, but in reality is either too full of ardor for reason or turns its figurative cold shoulder full upon its victim. It blows hot and cold for the "second floor front," not to speak of other attentions in the way of sudden puffs of gas and a general assortment of strange spells of smell and asphyxiating atmosphere. The constant result is depression, lowered vitality, frequent colds, and general misery on the part of the occupants. As a rule, the tenants of the other floors enjoy the better health during the frigid season. But both undoubtedly can ascribe many of their afflictions to the furnace, which is certain in nothing except in its regular supply of the causes of ill-health and the seed of disease.

We are now approaching the season of the year when the "latrobe," considered as an enemy of man, will enjoy its greatest triumph. What shall be done with it in half-warm weather, when the second and third floors shut it off, the lower rooms are stifling, and there is still a volume of smoke and gas to get rid of? There is no solution known to this enigma except to endure and grow wise. When we have grown wise, as a people, we will apply ourselves more sensibly to the simple question, how can we draw fresh, pure air into our dwelling places, heat it, breathe it, and discharge it again? That is the whole problem. At present we do just the reverse. We shut out fresh air, heat and reheat, breathe and rebreathe, the foul air within, load it with gas and poisonous vapors, and then wonder why we are so ill, so debilitated, so subject to sudden and unaccountable attacks of disease.

## A Solid South War-Cry.

The Bourbon-Democratic, Funder-Conservative, negro-hating State Central Committee of the State of Virginia has issued an address to the Democrats of that State, which, for malice, pig-headed perverseness, and general wickedness, overtops all previous utterances of the faction which has been left behind by the march of events.

It calls piteously upon the Readjusters of Democratic antecedents to return to the faction of hate, and make one last superhuman effort to whip the nineteenth century. It passionately pleads with those independent spirits to stifle their patriotic instincts, which have carried them forward to a high plane of practical politics in harmony with the results of the civil war, and to grovel with its authors in the Gehenna where the conservative swine are feeding on the decaying remains of dead issues. It appeals to the fearful passions which are stirred through a hell of war, and seeks to revive the antagonisms which are adapted to a condition of war only. It is the last throw of the power possessed of devils, crying to the power that would destroy those devils: "Wherefore persecutest thou me before my time?" It sounds a war-cry against a race to whose protection the Nation is pledged, and defies the Constitution and laws, to maintain which they ought to know the Readjusters of Virginia are as determined as the Republicans themselves. To make plain what we have said, we need quote but a few lines from this long manifesto, dipped, as it is, alternately in vitriol and honey.

This "Conservative" address says: Higher, in our judgment, than any other issue that can be presented to our people is the preservation of their civilization and the maintenance of white supremacy in their government; this is the life of the State; our first duty; all else is secondary to it. To secure it for ourselves, to transmit it to our children, is the sovereign service imposed upon us by our time and circumstances. This must be saved, whatever is lost; and to neglect it, or to neglect the duties which it imposes upon us, is to neglect the obligations that mount high above the domain of party politics and demands of us every sacrifice.

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## The South and the War.

On all the questions involved in the results of the war the South has nothing to apologize for, nothing to defend, nothing to be defiant about—*Jeffersonian Constitution*.

This paragraph is quoted in the Democratic papers, and seems to be just the law. This peculiar unwillingness to lament bad acts and this noble scorn of anything like an apology is a very common trait in humanity. Fortunately, however, in individuals it is generally confined to those in jails and lunatic asylums. There is no such stalker for this kind of consistency as the knave or the fool.

Mr. Cox shows a wisdom in his consideration for the claims of the minority in the matter of the apportionment bill, postponement which is the growth of prudence rather than of politeness. The effort to ride rough-shod over the minority has proven so disastrous that it is beautiful to behold the angelic meekness which the Democrats now bring to the task of carrying their points. Nevertheless and notwithstanding, the matter had better receive the benefit of more light and longer reflection.

The New York bankers are generally opposed to the new funding act and are strong in favor of a veto. Well, there is not so much money in it as there was in the four per cent. Even three and a half would give a "solid" commission. But a three per cent. Fugh! the wretched public will be the gainers by it.

They will reason like this: My little fortune of \$10,000 at three per cent. will bring me only \$300 a year. I cannot live on this. I must go into trade or speculation. I will buy real estate or go into some kind of business. Consequently: Real estate and other industries will be reinvigorated.

The gain of a member of Congress from Tennessee is a favor to the Republican cause as welcome as unexpected. But unless all the signs fail it is only the beginning of a break which will carry all the West Tennessee districts in the same direction.

Lamar says Blaine is as quick as inspiration.

GENERAL GARFIELD has a niece who is studying medicine in Boston.

GENERAL GARFIELD was not born to be talked to death—that is clear.

MR. EMMERS is said to have characterized Carlyle as "a trip-hammer with an Eolian attachment."

There was fun in a Des Moines church last Sunday when a sleeping American church for his wife and huggard her.

A NEW YORK theatre is burlesquing Miss Ward's play "Forget Me Not," under the name of "Don't You Forget It."

D. HOME, the spiritualist, is very ill in New York and writes another to his friend: "I may be that long I will see you in spirit."

THE remains of Colonel Charles Potter, who was murdered by Mexicans, have arrived in Newport, R. I., from Santa Fe. The funeral took place yesterday.

HENRY WARD BEECHER, the Boston Herald says, calls young man's "devil's toothpaste," springing up and perishing in a night. Somnambulists, so to speak.

COLONEL INGERSOLL's epitaph on the Democratic party was "Memento Mori." A St. Paul lady said it was wrong; that it should be "Memento Mori."

BUTLER, of South Carolina, is said to be a good shot. We are glad to hear that he is good for something. He should retire from the Senate and travel round the country with Bagdad.

WALT WHITMAN has written a few remarks about the late advancement of the States of Poland, who have no shirts to their backs, but who can turn him with impunity.

"I WANT no colonies," says Bismarck. "For us in Germany this colonial business would be just like the following: The Prussian King of Poland, who has no shirts to their backs, but who can turn him with impunity."